

changed from a first subscriber interface to a second subscriber interface, the network access address stored in the switching system and allocated to the corresponding communication terminal is updated by the configuration message transmitted on connection to the second subscriber interface.

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12. A method for determining a network access address for transmitting messages from a switching system to a communication terminal as claimed in claim 8, wherein data transmission via the communication network is effected on Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) data format.

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13. A method for determining a network access address for transmitting messages from a switching system to a communication terminal as claimed in claim 12, wherein the network address is an ATM-based virtual path identifier/virtual channel identifier VPI/VCI (VPI/VCI) address.

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14. A method for determining a network access address for transmitting messages from a switching system to a communication terminal as claimed in claim 13, wherein the VPI/VCI address includes both a VPI value and a VCI value.

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#### REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification in order to conform the specification to the requirements of the United States Patent practice. No new matter is added thereby. Original claims 1-7 have been canceled in favor of new claims 8-14. Claims 8-14 have been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-7 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The amendment is intended for clarification

purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-7 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-7.

5           Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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